

Senate Resolution 1394

By: Senator Starr of the 44th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Morris Boyer; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Morris Boyer has long been recognized by the citizens of the State of Georgia  
3 as the personification of perfection in his mastery of matters of state taxation and budget  
4 analysis; and

5 WHEREAS, this Georgia farm boy, and former bell hop, is considered to be one of the best  
6 kept secrets in the capitol, and he is an honest and dedicated public servant who strives for  
7 excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern is the financial welfare of Georgia  
8 and its citizens; and

9 WHEREAS, Morris's bill summaries, affectionately known as 'poop sheets,' are the stuff of  
10 legend and predated the existence of the Senate Research Office by a wide margin; and

11 WHEREAS, he is a graduate of Abraham Baldwin College and received his law degree from  
12 the University of Georgia School of Law and his master's degree in taxation from New York  
13 University; and

14 WHEREAS, Morris first came to the state capitol in 1967 as assistant to Senator Bobby  
15 Rowan, and his wisdom, research, and legal summaries have provided information to  
16 Governors Carter, Busbee, Harris, Miller, Barnes, and Perdue and Lieutenant Governors  
17 Howard and Taylor; and

18 WHEREAS, this beloved individual has exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,  
19 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties  
20 throughout his 39 year career of peerless public service as a legislative aide and attache for  
21 the Senator from the 44th District; and

1 WHEREAS, he is of a naturally quiet and retiring disposition and has placed himself into a  
2 position demanding the most public of performances, and his mastering of the substantive  
3 aspects of state taxation and budgeting has brought an unmatched expertise to the operation  
4 and administration of the Senate; and

5 WHEREAS, the members of this body, and in particular those who worked closely with  
6 Morris on so many money matters, will always admire his consistently thorough  
7 consideration of financial issues presented to this deliberative body, and his integrity and  
8 reliability rightfully earned him our honor, respect, and trust over the years; and

9 WHEREAS, he has consistently demonstrated a solid commitment to the careful study of  
10 state finance and, through his superior budget analysis, lengthy spreadsheets, and  
11 neverending quest for data, has maintained a reputation as an equitable, impartial financial  
12 analyst whose decisions are governed by the rules of honesty and fair play and whose actions  
13 are marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

14 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
15 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens  
16 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
17 associates; and

18 WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement in 2006, and, like Elvis, he is leaving the  
19 building, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
22 commend Morris Boyer for the almost four decades of effective, efficient, unselfish, and  
23 dedicated service that he has rendered on behalf of Georgia; congratulate him upon the  
24 occasion of his retirement; and extend to him their utmost appreciation for his having so  
25 purely and truly defined for others the meaning of public servant.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
27 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Morris Boyer.